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TIONS, April 13 (R)—World heavyweight boxing champion Ali said today he had turned down a \$12 million offer in South Africa because of the republic's policy. The general Assembly's special committee will hold a special meeting to honour his stand and hear a statement by Ali. Committee Chairman in chief delegate of Nigeria, said Ali was an inspiration to Africa's black citizens because he chose to participate in the system of racial segregation rather than receive millions of dollars. Ali said that after he turned down the offer in South Africa, Islamic leaders there invited him, as a gesture of goodwill. After seeking Mr. Harriman's advice, he said he accepted the invitation, fearing an attempt by the South Africans to use him to gain respectability for apartheid.

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## Caribbean volcano erupts

KINGSTOWN, St. Vincent, April 13 (R)—St. Vincent's Soufrière volcano erupted early today and the government ordered thousands of people to evacuate villages near it. Clouds of ash and smoke spewed 5,000 metres into the air from the crater of the volcano 50 kilometres north of Kingstown, capital of this Caribbean island. There were no reports of casualties. People from 17 villages near the volcano were being taken to evacuation centres and the radio broadcast instructions on how to deal with poisonous sulphur fumes. The eruption began at dawn with a loud explosion. The volcano's last major eruption was in 1902 when 2,000 people were killed. There was a minor eruption in 1971. St. Vincent, which is in the Windward Islands, has a population of about 90,000. It is one of six Caribbean islands which have internal self-government but whose foreign affairs and defence are looked after by Britain.

Price: Jordan 50 fils; Syria 50 piastres; Lebanon 75 piastres; Saudi Arabia 1 riyal; UAE 1 dirham; Great Britain 25 pence.

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Professor Yusufu Lule, Uganda's new president (left) with his ally and good friend, Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere, in Dar Es Salaam early Friday. (AP wirephoto)

## Muslim states protest NHK film on Jerusalem

TOKYO, April 13 (AP)—Representatives from 14 Muslim countries Friday accused Japan's public broadcasting network of becoming a "tool of Israeli propaganda" by airing a religious programme filmed in Israeli-occupied Jerusalem.

At a joint news conference, speakers for the 14 states and the representatives of the Arab League and the Palestine Liberation Organization said the broadcast served to spread misunderstandings in Japan about the Middle East and helped to spread the Israeli view that Jerusalem is a Jewish city.

The news conference was the latest in a series of official protests by Islamic countries directed at NHK (Japan Broadcasting Corporation). The publicly owned television network broadcast a three-hour, two-part programme called "the Japanese as seen from the Holy Land," April 2 and 6.

The ambassadors said the programme was "an insult to Islam" and a statement released by the Arab League's Tokyo office accused NHK's cameramen of taking "artificial" photos of Jerusalem's Al Aqsa mosque showing it to be contiguous with the "Wailing Wall," a Jewish place of worship.

Earlier, the Japanese ambassador in Kuwait was called by that country's foreign ministry to receive an official protest stating that the NHK programme was "slanderous." Algeria's ambassador to Tokyo, Ibrahim Ghafa, as leader of Tokyo's Arab diplomatic corps, called on Japanese Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs Keisuke Arita Thursday to protest the showing. He called it "not appropriate in view of the sensitive stage of the Arab-Israeli dispute."

The sudden cancellation of the visit of Prince Fahd ibn Abdul Aziz, First Deputy Prime Minister of Saudi Arabia, who had been invited by former Prime Minister Takeo Fukuda, was also linked to the programme.

Foreign Ministry Spokesman Hideo Kagami said Thursday: "We were notified of the prince's decision but we were not given any reasons."

Algerian Ambassador Ghafa, speaking at the conference Friday, said the Saudi royal family "is the guardian of Islam... The Japanese know why he is not coming."

The official spokesman said that the government's views on Israeli-occupied Jerusalem are well-known. He emphasized that Japan supported United Nations' resolution 242 calling for withdrawal of Israeli forces to positions they occupied prior to the six-day war and that the resolution included East Jerusalem.

At Friday's news conference an Arab ambassador said he tried to stop the airing of the second part of the programme before April 6 but that NHK would not agree to stopping the programme. The 14 nations represented at the news conference were: Algeria, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates, South Yemen, Syria, Uganda, Turkey, Pakistan, Malaysia and Iran.

U.S. retaliates, expels two S. African defence attaches

WASHINGTON, April 13 (R)—The United States today ordered the expulsion of two defence attaches in the South African embassy in retaliation for South Africa's expulsion of three U.S. military officials yesterday.

The State Department said at the same time there would be no apology to public charges by

Prime Minister P.W. Botha that a U.S. embassy plane had been used for aerial spying over sensitive South African installations.

The men expelled were Defence and Naval Attaché Commodore William Duplessis and Air Attaché Col. Gert Coetzee.

The State Department said they ranked higher than the three Americans ordered to leave South Africa yesterday.

Hodding Carter, the State Department spokesman, said the charge d'affaires at the South African mission, William Retief, was summoned to the department this morning and told the two defence attaches would have to leave the country within a week. He gave no other reason for the expulsion than retaliation for the South African action.

For right-wingers and far-leftists alike the attraction was his political neutrality.

Dr. Lule left Uganda after being sacked as principal of Makerere University College—not by Amin but by the man Amin deposed, Milton Obote. Dr. Obote preferred the university to be headed by someone whose thinking was closer to his own philosophy of African socialism.

So in 1969, Dr. Lule went abroad, first to London as an assistant secretary-general at the Commonwealth Secretariat and then to Ghana as secretary-general of the Association of African Universities, from which he recently retired.

Yusufu Lule was born in Kampala in 1912 and brought up a Christian. He was educated at the King's School, Budo, near Kampala. It was on the lines of an English public school and regarded as one of the finest in East Africa. He graduated at Makerere and went for further studies to Fort Hare University in South Africa and to Bristol and Edinburgh in Britain.

At Edinburgh University, a fellow student was Julius Nyerere, now President of Tanzania. The two have been good friends ever since.

In 1936, he returned to Uganda to teach at his old school, Budo, for nine years before moving to Makerere as a lecturer. His ability caught the attention of the British colonial rulers of the then Ugandan protectorate, who made him minister of rural development in a pre-independence government between 1955 and 1961.

A stint as chairman of the public service commission was followed in 1964 by his appointment as Makerere's principal.

## Hussein underlines opposition to treaty

BEIRUT, April 13 (Agencies)—His Majesty King Hussein said in an interview published today he believes the United States has lost its role as a neutral mediator in the Middle East conflict and is no longer capable of acting in such a role alone.

He told the Lebanese London-based Al Hawadeth weekly magazine "there must be a new international action in which the Soviet Union and other parties concerned in the region could participate" in the search for lasting peace in the Middle East.

"If the United States regards us as a problem in the policy it has pursued so far, it looks like we shall continue to be a problem. Under no circumstances are we going to abandon one iota of Arab land or any grain of Arab and Palestinian rights in the Palestinian land."

After calling for a build-up of Arab strength and the development of Arab self-reliance, King Hussein said: "What the American government described as a great accomplishment—the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty is not the desired peace in the Arab region."

He added that if Israel claimed it had waited 2,000 years to return to the region, "I think we can return to our land in a much shorter time."

King Hussein blamed the Carter administration for "contradicting" itself by first working for a

## Tight security marks Jerusalem's Easter

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, April 13 (Agencies)—Israeli security forces mounted guard over the old city of Jerusalem today as thousands of Christian pilgrims took part in the Easter festival's Good Friday procession.

Security men peered down from rooftops and patrolled the narrow alleys to "protect" large numbers of tourists who have converged on the city to re-enact the sufferings of Christ.

The Easter holidays have brought 60,000 pilgrims to occupied Jerusalem, in sunny weather. Large numbers of them joined the traditional procession along the Via Dolorosa of old Jerusalem to commemorate the crucifixion of Christ.

Some pilgrims carried heavy wooden crosses as they made their way through cobbled streets along the route which Christ is believed to have taken to the place of crucifixion. At each of the 15 stations the procession stopped to

Black-robed priests and nuns mingled with young people in jeans, all following the procession route through alleys which are lined with souvenir shops.

Israeli tourism officials said Easter and the current week-long Jewish Passover holiday had attracted a total of 100,000 tourists.

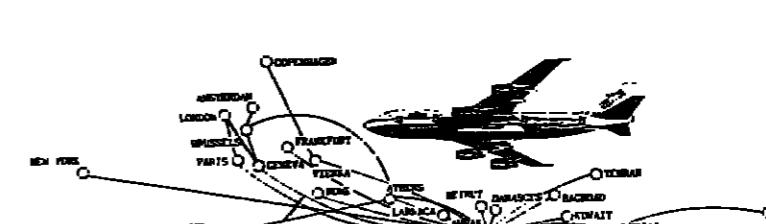
Numbers attending Good Friday ceremonies were the largest in the 12 years since Israel occupied Arab East Jerusalem in 1967, they said.

As part of the festival, a high mass was conducted by the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, Monsignor Giacomo Beltritti. The service was held at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, said to be the place where Jesus was buried.

The Good Friday ceremonies ended this evening when Franciscan Father Maurilio Satthe held prayers marking the removal of Christ's body from the cross.

Christian pilgrims trudging up the Via Dolorosa under the weight of a wooden cross in a Good Friday re-enactment of Jesus' march to his crucifixion. (AP wirephoto)

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## mas-Scene

for the Jordan Times by Pat McDonnell

(Week of April 14 - 20)

### EXHIBITS

April 14: More than 35 oil paintings and pen and ink by Saad Yagien will go on view at the Arab Cultural Centre at 6 p.m. reception. The self-taught artist is of the school. He was born in Aleppo in 1950 and the exhibition is his third one-man show in Syria. Hours: 8 a.m. daily except Friday.

April 14: A ten-day exhibition by four Iraqi artists at 6 p.m. reception at Al Shab Gallery. Hours: 10 a.m. - 4:30 - 8 p.m. daily except Friday.

NG: A one-man show of the abstract works of artist Mohammad Ghonoum continues at Urnina Gal-

lery. Hours 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.; 4:30 - 8 p.m. daily.

### LECTURES

April 16: "Art and Expression" entitles a lecture to 5 p.m. at the Arab Cultural Centre under the patronage of Abdul Halim Kaddam, Deputy Prime Minister of Foreign Affairs. The talk will be by Dr. Rawi, Director of the West European Section, Ministry of Arts (in English, Arabic and French translation).

April 17: "Lenin: Humanist, Philosopher, Party," entitles a talk to be given at 6 p.m. at the German Republic Cultural Centre in honour of the 109th Lenin (in Arabic).

April 18: Poetry of Fuad Khalil will be read at a symposium at the Soviet Cultural Centre (in Arabic).

April 19: Dr. Samir Daher will discuss the life and work of the children's composer Ilos Yanachuk at 6 p.m. at the Cultural Centre (in Arabic).

### DEO-TAPED PROGRAMMES

April 18: "A Variety Show with Claude Nougaro" at 6:30 p.m. at the French Cultural Centre (in French).

April 20: "Alfred Jarry Presents Ubu-Roi" entitles a presentation slated for 6:30 p.m. at the French Cultural Centre (in French).

### FILMS

April 14 and MONDAY, April 16: "La Kermesse" is the 1935 film directed by Jacques Feyder starring Greta Garbo and Louis Jouvet, will be shown at 7:30 p.m. at the Cultural Centre (in French, Arabic sub-titles).

April 16: "Lost Boy" is the title of a film to be shown at the Soviet Cultural Centre (in Russian, Arabic sub-titles).

April 17: "On the Way to Lenin" is the title of a film at 7 p.m. at the German Democratic Republic Cultural Centre (in German, Arabic sub-titles).

April 18: "Hot Show" is the title of a film slated at the Soviet Cultural Centre (in Russian, Arabic sub-titles).

April 19: "La Guerre Est Finie," the award-winning film directed by Alain Resnais starring Yves Montand and Genevieve Bujold, will be shown at 8:30 p.m. at the French Cultural Centre (in French, Arabic sub-titles).

April 20: "Crime and Punishment," Part I, will be shown at the Soviet Cultural Centre (in Russian, Arabic sub-titles).

Club will be showing a Russian film, entitled "Lotto" by Luciani with a discussion to follow each program. It will be shown at 7:30 p.m. on SUNDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY, and THURSDAY and at 7:30 p.m. on FRIDAY. For additional information, call the Cine-Club at 226-63.

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DAMASCUS--Two distinguished visitors to Syria this week have been Brian Chatterton, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forests of South Australia, and his wife, Lynne, Advisor on Rural Policy to the premier of South Australia.

The Chattertons' official visit has been primarily geared to exchange information with the Syrian Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Grain Planning and Arab Centre for Arid Zone and Dry Land Studies.

After viewing the regions of Aleppo, Raqqah and Palmyra, Mr. Chatterton said: "If Australian farmers had as good soils as those I've seen in Syria, they would be delighted."

Mr. Chatterton says Syrian soils are in need of a build-up of nitrogen and organic matter and he prescribes a method being carried out in South Australia. Simply put, he recommends that clover or medicago (medic), a type of clover, be rotated with wheat crops annually.

At present, Syrian farmers allow the land to be fallow for one year. Instead of leaving it fallow, clover or medic ideally would be planted for one year. Medic has the ability to absorb nitrogen from the air and to release it into the soil from its roots. Soils in semi-arid areas suffer from a lack of nitrogen and fertilising them with nitrogen fertilisers isn't the answer in regions where rainfall is erratic. The organic method--through planting medic--is much more successful and it gives some organic matter to the soil. Lastly, instead of leaving the land fallow, the clover provides fodder for livestock," he said.

The Australians have a media project on a 1,000 hectare experimental farm in Libya and another project is to begin shortly in Algeria--perhaps the Chattertons' visit will produce another medic experiment in Syria.

At a first glance, one might have thought he was in England, what with the black beret, red-riding jackets and jodphurs the horsemen were wearing. Actually, it was a jumping event at the Damascus Riding Club: the occasion was in honour of the 32nd anniversary of the Syrian Baath Party.

Adnan Al-Abrash, a spokesman of the club and director of the Damascus Military Museum, informed us the extensive grounds were built in 1976 for the Syrian Olympiad. The club has been in existence for 15 years and it is

## Pat-Pourri

Gerry Stoesz was something new to Damascus. It was a genuine Tex-Mex feast of nachos, creamed tacos and refried beans that set the guest of honour back on his heels.

Dr. Kassem Twair, deputy director of archaeological excavations for the Syrian Department of Antiquities was about to leave on a three-week trip to Germany where he will deliver a paper at the 150th anniversary meeting of the German Archaeological Institute of West Berlin. The topic of his paper is "The Problems of Excavating Inhabited Towns During the Islamic Period."

Archaeology buffs, Jack and Oteley Simms of U.S.A.I.D., were on hand to learn more about Dr. Twair's talk and to introduce him and his wife, Amani, to Mexican Tex-Mex--cuisine.

Prof. Renata Holod of the University of Pennsylvania has been on a whirlwind visit to Damascus to meet with museum and university officials about the prestigious Aga Khan Award which she represents.

For more than four months it's been a "will they or won't they" situation with Shiv Shankar Mukherjee, First Secretary of the Indian embassy, and his wife, Nalini. Diplomatic red tape held up Shiv's future assignment to Brussels, but friends continued to stage farewell parties before and after their home leave to India last January.

There's no doubt it, the Mukherjees have been one of the most popular couples in Damascus diplomatic circles and their on-again-off-again-leave-taking gave rise to many party themes. It's definite now, Shiv and Nalini departed by air for Brussels early this morning, but not before a nightlong farewell in the Green Valley Supper Club hosted by J.C. Chakravati, resident chief of an Indian consulting firm to Syria.

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The project is slated to end in March 1980. Its goal is to improve the catch of fish from 2,000 to 4,000 tons annually at Lake Assad. "We've ascertained there are plenty of fish in the lake, the problem is to improve the techniques of Syrian fishermen, and we hope to do this with a new type of net which isn't as visible to the quarry as the traditional nylon nets," Dr. Koelbing stated.

The round of farewells prior to that was capped by a cocktail reception Tuesday in the home of the Indian ambassador where Shiv officially said goodbye to his diplomatic contacts who were introduced to his successor, S.J. Singh, and his attractive wife, Rinku.

Shiv is the first to quote statistics on the thriving trade between Syria and India: "Experts to Syria hit \$50 million Syrian pounds in 1978 and they should exceed 100 million Syrian pounds in 1979. In the meantime, India imported

25,000 tons of lentils and 10,000 tons of phosphates from Syria last year."

Among those on hand at the ambassador's residence were Paolo Sannella and his wife Maria of the Italian embassy, Johannes Giffels, Counsellor of the West German Embassy, Mustafa Mbacke, Counsellor of the Senegalese Embassy, and Patrick Theurus and Stacey of the American embassy.

Damascene artist, Fateh Moudarres, who has just returned from an official visit to India, was glimpsed talking to Nasuh Malas, general director of Syrian engineering industries, Reiner Schuster, commercial officer of the East German embassy, and Sofyadi Salim, wife of the Counsellor of the Indonesian embassy. Commenting on his trip, Mr. Moudarres said: "If I had visited India 20 years ago, my whole perspective toward life and painting would be different."

Also present were Naval Kudsi, Dr. Akram Anbari and his wife Omaya, Dr. Mwajack Jaber and his wife Maureen, Yusuf and Diane Joubeli, Salwa Dalati, Jun and Didi North, and Angela and Neagu Moraru (he's second secretary of the Romanian embassy). The Indian contingent included Mari Chander and Karan Gambhir, Subhash Chander and Vimi Bhatia, R.P. Bhalla and his wife Neelam and Ram Prakash and Darshna Marwaha.

On another evening, G.D. Atuk, Counsellor of the Indian embassy, honoured the Mukherjees at a dinner party which also introduced the Singhs to members of the British and Australian embassies. Rumour has it that hawkers can get up to 100 Syrian pounds for a dinner invitation to Mr. Atuk's. The guests looked as if they all had legitimate invitations and the food lived up the reputation of the host's Sherpa chef.

Syria has been a special place to the Mukherjees, it was first foreign assignment and it was here that child, Sushant, was born. Mrs. Mukherjee, who was an announcer for All India Radio before her marriage, was glimpsed talking with Anthony Billingsley and his wife Brenda of the Australian embassy Alison and Peter Wallis and Vincent Fearon of the British embassy, and Kalpana Venkateswaran, daughter of the Indian ambassador.

Others hosting farewell events for the Mukherjees were Dr. Sadiq Jafari and his wife Janette, Dr. Sami and Sally Kabbani, and Chris and Jim Waters. Barbara Gregoire honoured Mrs. Mukherjee with a woman's luncheon featuring Chinese cuisine and Bourhan Boukhari gave a mid-day dinner party for the couple Friday at LaTerna Restaurant.



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# JORDANTIMES SPORTS ROUNDUP

## Belgium downs Spain in soccer match

LIERSE, Belgium, April 13 (R) — Belgium beat Spain 3-1 (half-time 2-0) in a first round soccer pre-Olympic qualifying match here last night. It was the third successive victory for the Belgian amateurs who had already beaten Holland (2-1) and Israel (2-0).

## Karpov beats Timman in chess tournament

MONTREAL, April 13 (R) — World champion Anatoly Karpov of the Soviet Union beat Jan Timman of the Netherlands in the second round of play in the "Man and his World" chess challenge cup here last night. Vlastimil Hort of Czechoslovakia drew with Mikhail Tal of the Soviet Union after 19 moves. The three other second-round matches were adjourned until tomorrow, one of several open days in the month-long schedule for the completion of adjourned matches. The adjourned games were between Boris Spassky, a Soviet emigre, and Lubomir Kavalek of the United States; Ljubomir Ljubojevic of Yugoslavia; and Lajos Portisch of Hungary; Robert Huebner of West Germany and Bent Larsen of Denmark. Portisch and Hort are to complete another unfinished match from yesterday's first round.

## Bruce Lietze leads in the Masters

AUGUSTA, Georgia, April 13 (R) — Bruce Lietze takes a one-stroke lead into today's second round of the Masters Golf Championship, but breathing right down his neck are the mighty twosome of Tom Watson and Jack Nicklaus. Lietze, 27, earned the right to head the 72-man field with a five-under-par round of 67, which he called "an easy stroll in the park" over the 7,040-yard Augusta national course. Hot on his heels are Watson, the favourite and leading money-winner this year, who is on 68 with Leonard Thompson, Joe Inman and Ed Sneed. They are one ahead of Nicklaus, 1975 U.S. Open Champion Lou Graham, Andy Bean, Billy Casper and Craig Stadler. By common consent the Augusta course, with its glorious flowering shrubbery, was playing easily, and early finisher Graham was typical in predicting that his score would turn out to be mediocre. But although many mounted a challenge, few could sustain it. Lietze has four tour victories to his credit, including last year's Canadian Open, but he has never won a major championship. After six birdies, including four in a row from the 13th, he said was "in a trance." That trance was snapped abruptly when he missed a five-foot birdie putt at 17, and bogeyed the 18th when his seven-iron approach was off to the left. Watson, the former Masters and two-time British Open champion, looked set to leave the field trailing when he went five under par after 13. After a fine drive at the 520-yard 15th was left with a 190-yard approach that would have left him with a putt for an eagle. But his six-iron shot hit the bank and finished in the water.

## Close race in Safari Auto Rally

NAIROBI, Kenya, April 13 (AP) — Three of Europe's top rally drivers were locked in a close battle for supremacy Friday as the 52 cars still left in the Grueling, five-day Safari Auto Rally raced toward Sweden Bjorn Waldegard and Hans Thorszelius, driving a powerful German Mercedes Benz 450 SLC, were in first position on the road at the Eldoret control point early Friday. But Waldegard was being hotly pursued by Finnish driver Timo Mäkinen, driving a Peugeot 504 coupe with Frenchman Jean Todt. At the Eldoret control point, both had incurred 70 penalty points.

Lying in third spot at Eldoret, a farming town in Kenya's Great Rift Valley, was "Flying Finn" Rauno Aaltonen, driving a Japanese 160 J with Kenya's Lofty Drews as navigator. The 5,030 kilometre rally began here Thursday afternoon. There were 66 starters, seven entrants having been scratched for various reasons before the first dozen cars were flagged off by Kenyan President Daniel Arap Moi. Some of the world's leading rallyists are taking part in the race, the 27th to be held. Fiat of Italy, Peugeot of France, Mercedes of Germany and Datsun of Japan are making a major effort for an outright win and have entered several teams.

## Invitation still stands for S. African rugby team

PARIS, April 13 (R) — The president of the French Rugby Federation (FFR) was today quoted as saying that his invitation to the South African Springboks Rugby Union side to tour France in October still stood, despite government disapproval and international pressure. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) yesterday threatened France with exclusion from the Olympic Games if the French National Olympic Committee allowed the tour to go ahead.

But French television today quoted FFR President Albert Ferrasse—the man at the centre of the Springbok controversy—as saying that the invitation was still in force, provided that the South Africans sent a multiracial side. "I maintain the invitation unless the French government actually forbids the South African visit," Ferrasse, who is visiting rugby clubs in the Caribbean, was quoted as saying. Ferrasse sits on the French Olympic Committee, which will meet on April 24 to consider the matter. Although rugby is no: an Olympic sport, the FFR is affiliated to the French committee. Both Foreign Minister Jean Francois-Poncet and Sports Minister Jean-Pierre Soisson have said that the government considers the South Africans unwelcome, with or without coloured players.

# Next moves on the gold market

By Neil Behrmann

LONDON—The Iranian revolution and the oil squeeze were the catalysts which sent the gold price soaring to its recent all time high of more than \$250.

Yet even before the crisis worsened, a shortage of supplies from the major producers, the Soviet Union and South Africa, already pointed to a major increase in the price of gold. That was at the end of November when the price was in a range of \$190 to \$200.

Recently, however, Swiss bankers have been decidedly cautious about the gold market. Walter Frey, gold expert at Swiss Bank Corporation, cautioned in January that the Soviet Union had been out of the market since the end of October. He warned that if the second largest producer resumed normal selling schedules, the market would be under pressure once again.

In the past few weeks, in fact, European bullion managers have noted the re-emergence of the Soviet Union as a seller, albeit on a small scale. A german dealer said that Russia first returned towards the end of January, selling small quantities and making profits by arbitraging on the various international gold markets.

Unsettling the market to an even greater extent this week were repeated rumours that the U.S. Treasury would increase its monthly gold sales from the current 1.5 million ounces (47 tons) a month. Pundits estimated that if the Treasury varied the timing and extent of the sales—for example five million ounces (156 tons) from time to time—the heady speculative activity could be curbed.

Under the present system of regular monthly auctions, investors and speculators can adjust to the extra supplies coming on the market. In fact, some bullion dealers believe that the consistent monthly sales have increased demand, because speculators assess that at some time or other, the

"The peg which the gold market is hanging on is Iran. If the situation deteriorates further the price could head skywards—if not it could dip to \$220 or lower."

U.S. Treasury will be forced to lower or stop the auctions. In any event the withdrawal of the Soviet Union virtually countered the Treasury sales. Varied supplies at auctions on the other hand cannot be counteracted that easily.

The table is a rough guideline on the average monthly sales and purchases of gold. The figures vary dramatically from month to month. But they are an indication on how short term seasonal fluctuations in demand and the whims and fancies of producers can turn the gold market from a disastrous bear market into a rising bull market. The investment and speculative element also plays an exceedingly important part, as is quite apparent from the market's behaviour over the past month.

Following President Carter's dollar support operations at the beginning of November last year, the gold price slumped from a peak of \$244 to \$193 at the end of November.

But bullion dealers point out that this was not because of the extra gold supplies from the U.S. Treasury. Instead the selling came from "investors" who were anxious to get out of the gold which they had bought at higher prices. As was pointed out above the absence of the Soviet Union easily enabled the market to absorb the extra gold from the U.S. Treasury.

Furthermore some 26 per cent of South African gold output was minted into the one ounce coin, Krugerrands. This meant that less South African gold flowed directly to the bullion markets.

A Swiss bullion manager, however, is worried that "there is just no shortage of gold at present". With the Soviet Union in the market again and much lower Krugerrand sales this year, supplies have increased. The bullion manager also

cautioned that there has been heavy speculative activity on the U.S. futures market and on the Geneva gold options market. He says that even if the U.S. Treasury does not change its auction policy, the market will have to absorb 560 tons worth \$4.7 billion at current prices this year. Thus the table shows that the gap between fabrication demand and supplies must be filled by speculative investment and possibly Central Bank purchases of some 50 tons a month!

This investment demand has exceeded most market observers' expectations, but few predicted the extent of the Iranian crisis and its effect on the Middle East and the dollar.

Some investors are also selling away gold because of the longer term political implications in Southern Africa.

Yet Dennis Etheridge, chairman of Anglo American Corporation's gold and uranium division, estimates that South African output will actually rise from 705 tons this year to between 700 to 800 tons in the next years.

He also says that though Krugerrand sales were a record six million ounces or 187 tons,

## GOLD—Supply and Demand

(Monthly average estimate 1978 — metric tons)

Demand	Supply
Jewellery and Industry	103 South Africa
Coins, medals and medallions	22 USSR
Total fabrication demand	125 Other Producers
Investment, hoarding	125 IMF
Speculative and possible	50 U.S. Treasury
Central Bank purchases	47

Source: Consolidated Gold Fields and bullion market.

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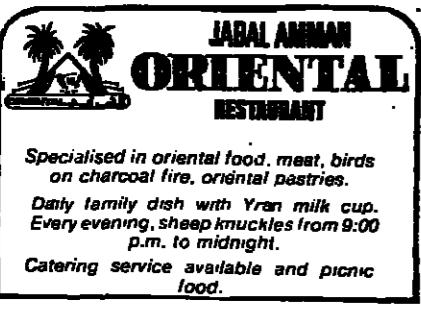
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# Rhodesia commandos strike in Lusaka, attack Nkomo's house

LUSAKA, April 13 (R)—Rhodesian commandos struck into the Zambian capital of Lusaka early today, attacking black nationalist leader Joshua Nkomo's house and other buildings used by Zimbabwe (Rhodesian) guerrillas, Radio Zambia said.

Officials of Mr. Nkomo's Zambia-based Rhodesian movement ZAPU (Zimbabwe African People's Union) said their leader was not in his house when the assault was launched.

Heavy machine gun fire interspersed with small arms fire and what sounded like grenade or mortar explosions, echoed through the streets.

Radiation Zambia, quoting a government spokesman, said there had been casualties and details would be announced later.

It was the first commando attack by Rhodesian forces on the Zambian capital, which lies some 96 kilometres (60 miles) northeast of the Rhodesian border. It followed two days of Rhodesian air raids on targets elsewhere in Zambia.

An official communiqué from the Zambian government was expected sometime today to clarify the details of the raids and

the casualties caused.

A government spokesman, who had earlier been reported as saying Rhodesian commandos hit three separate guerrilla complexes in Lusaka, later said only that Rhodesian forces were involved.

Mr. Nkomo was reportedly not in the residence at the time and was believed to be safe elsewhere in the capital.

The raid, which began at 3 a.m. local time (0100 GMT) and reportedly ended at 5 a.m. (0300 GMT), destroyed the office-residence of Mr. Nkomo, who is also co-leader of the Patriotic Front guerrilla alliance fighting the transition government in Rhodesia.

Only the smoking walls of his office-residence, housed in a sprawling mansion in the tree-lined suburb of Woodlands near a local golf course, remained standing after dawn.

# Leftist guerrillas hold Nicaraguan city against Somoza's national guard

OUTSIDE ESTELI, Nicaragua, April 13 (AP)—Leftist guerrillas held the northern Nicaraguan city of Esteli for the seventh day today despite heavy fire from President Anastasio Somoza's artillery and planes.

Reporters stopped at a roadblock six kilometres south of the city could see explosions and smoke as the national guard's fighters attacked with rockets.

A lieutenant commanding the roadblock on the pan American highway said heavy fighting was under way and the national guard, Mr. Somoza's combined army and national police force, hoped to recapture the city today.

Refugees from Esteli said the guerrillas of the Sandinista National Liberation Front who overran much of the city on Saturday captured the communications centre, knocked out an armoured car and destroyed a Sherman tank that had been firing into the city.

A national guard spokesman,

Col. Aquiles Aranda Escobar, denied these reports.

At least 400 guerrillas were reported in the city, fighting from the protection of a network of barricades and trenches.

The national guard appeared to be beefing up its forces in the area. One soldier said 200 troops went through the roadblock yesterday.

Mr. Somoza is on an Easter vacation with his children in Florida but is reported keeping in close touch with his commanders.

The Red Cross has estimated about 5,000 of Esteli's 35,000 inhabitants have fled since the fighting began. There were unconfirmed reports that a family of four Americans was trapped in the city.

Esteli was heavily damaged in an abortive Sandinista-led rebellion against Mr. Somoza last September in which at least 1,500 persons were reported killed across this Central American nation.

Refugees said the guerrillas appeared to be more heavily armed than they were in September and the firing was more intense.

There was speculation the guerrillas planned only a hit-and-run attack but stayed in the city when they encountered only light resistance. Diplomatic sources predicted the Sandinistas might try to take on the National Guard in another city in an attempt to relieve government pressure on the guerrillas in Esteli.

The National Guard reported guerrilla attacks in Cardenas, Colon, Orosi and Sapoa, near the Costa Rican border. One guard said there was no reports of casualties.

There was some confusion in guerrilla pronouncements. One rebel communiqué said there would be a cease-fire in Nicaragua during the Easter holy week, but

# 50 killed by troops in India

NEW DELHI, April 13 (R)—Fifty people have been killed in the northeastern town of Jamshedpur, where troops were ordered to shoot rioters on sight after an attack on a Hindu religious procession, the Press Trust of India said today. Quoting official reports on the three days of communal violence, the news agency did not say how many had been killed by gunfire. More than 100 people were in hospital, many with gunshot wounds, at least 45 of them in a critical condition.

# The World's first spaceline?

By Maurice Irvine

LOS ANGELES—The space shuttle orbiter "Columbia"—the world's first reusable spaceship, designed for at least 100 missions—has left its California base, riding piggyback on a Boeing 747, for the Kennedy Space Centre in Florida and a scheduled first lift-off next November. Engine problems may delay that start to a new age of freight-hauling astronauts, but already the first 28 commercial flights are "sold out."

Governments, corporations and universities are buying space to send scientific and other cargo—up to 31½ tons can be carried on each flight—into space. Now NASA (the National Aeronautics and Space Administration) is talking about the possibility of handing responsibility for running the shuttle, which is costing U.S. taxpayers some \$7 billion, to private industry.

It could happen in the mid-1980s, NASA officials say. The first four rocketships would be operated, perhaps by a consortium of U.S. companies, in much the same style as any other commercial freight airline's craft.

The shuttle is just what its name

implies, a ship that will lift payloads from earth into orbit and back on a regular, workhorse schedule. It will need flight crews, maintenance, an organisation to set and collect fees; and NASA, which is basically a research and development body, does not want the trouble. The federal agency has other space-race plans on its agenda.

Obviously such a transfer could only be made after careful and complex negotiations between aerospace companies and the U.S. government. But the idea is feasible, say NASA chiefs—precedents exist for running over space systems created with tax money to provide industry, and if space travel should become big business, the Columbia may well become flagship of a multinational spaceline.

Faith in the programme is high. NASA recently awarded a new \$1.96 billion contract to Rockwell International for construction of two new shuttles. That assures continued employment for more than 11,000 workers at the firm's southern California plants and among its 100-odd subcontractors.

Among some of the experiments planned by "Getaway Spec-

ial" users are:

- A study using mice to discover how bones lose calcium in long space flights, a problem that has troubled astronauts.

- The casting in zero-gravity conditions of an artificial, polyurethane heart. Zero-gravity will allow more accurate dimensions for the heart's components.

- Creation of a "perfect" optical telescope lens without grinding the glass, as must always be done on earth. An automated device will melt the glass and allow it to solidify in a container producing—so the Utah University student conducting the experiment hopes—an almost perfect surface, plus a whole new lens-making technology.

On a grander scale, the shuttle is rekindling American dreams of the conquest and development of space. By slashing the enormous cost of space operations, this long-haul space bus promises to revolutionise the U.S. space programme and open the way to the first extra-terrestrial constructions.

With America's reusable space shuttle about to transform space flight from adventure into routine, plans are afoot to set up the world's first "spaceline" on a conventional commercial basis.

As early as 1983, NASA could be creating its first simple space structures, using a beam-extruder housed in the shuttle's huge five by 20 metres cargo hold. The agency hopes next to build an "antenna farm," a long metal frame housing some 30 dish antennae which, when in orbit, could radically transform communications on earth.

A Rockwell International study concluded that such a "farm" could handle five nationwide TV channels, the entire bulk of electronic business mail now processed on the ground, and some 45,000 private channels, dealing with calls from millions of pocket telephones—a 1980s version of Dick Tracy's two-way wrist radio.

The antenna farms could become a reality as early as 1985, says Rockwell. And they would be followed, at the turn of the century, by construction of immense solar-power satellites 12 miles

long and three miles across, beaming energy to earth.

Is all this necessary? "We need it for a very profound reason," Professor Stephen Chester, a space enthusiast who also happens to be dean of Washington's Georgetown University, recently told the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

"It would be a tonic for a tired society. A society that refuses challenges, that does not build for the future, loses its vision of that future and starts to decline."

That settled, it remains chiefly for NASA's publicists to convince the American taxpayer he should pay for the vast new programme. And since just one of the 100 solar-power satellites NASA has in mind could cost around \$2 billion, that may take some doing.

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# Will China, Vietnam talks really help ease tension?

BANGKOK, April 13 (R)—A Chinese delegation is due in Hanoi tomorrow for talks on the disputes that have transformed China and Vietnam from close allies into bitter enemies and engulfed Indochina in war.

The negotiations are due to start about a month after the border war between the two communist neighbours tailed off. But Peking and Hanoi are still bitterly exchanging accusations.

It will not be known whether the meeting will be used to ease tension or merely to score propaganda points until after the first session of talks, probably this weekend, between two vice foreign ministers, Han Nianlong (Han Nien-Lung) for China and Phan Hien.

The two sides last met in abortive discussions last September on the emotive issue of ethnic Chinese in Vietnam.

Since then much has happened including the signing of a Soviet-Vietnamese friendship treaty, the ousting of a pro-Peking government in Kampuchea (Cambodia) and China's attack on northern Vietnam on February 17.

China's attack was launched in response to alleged Vietnamese provocations and incursions along their common border.

Vietnam hotly disputed this allegation, claiming the Chinese had long been guilty of border violations and that their attack was the culmination of a hostile policy aimed at encircling Vietnam as part of an expansionist policy in southeast Asia.

China claims that Vietnam, in collusion with the Soviet Union, wants to jeopardise Peking's modernisation programme and wants to create an Indochinese federation linking Vietnam, Laos and Kampuchea under Hanoi's domination.

However, despite the sweeping nature of the charges by both countries, they will probably seek to limit their negotiations to specific issues. As one Bangkok diplomat said: "How can you negotiate about 'expansionism' or 'domination'?"

Issues they could discuss include the precise location of the border and whether Chinese forces are still inside Vietnam, the question of the Hoa (ethnic Chinese) in Vietnam, and the presence of Vietnamese troops in Kampuchea.

# World News Briefs

25,000 Kampuchea gather along Thai border

BANGKOK, April 13 (R)—At least 25,000 Kampuchea (Cambodian) soldiers and refugees civilians have gathered along the Thai border near the town of Poipet, which the Vietnamese-backed Phnom Penh government recaptured from Khmer Rouge forces yesterday, Thai officials said today. The Kampuchea group about only 500 metres (yards) from the frontier, apparently hope to flee to eastern Thailand, the officials said. 1,000 Kampuchea actually crossed the border today, authorities at the Thai frontier town of Aranyaprathet, most of them back. New fighting broke out in the area between the Vietnamese-backed Phnom Penh forces and the Rouge troops loyal to the ousted government of Prince Sihanouk.

Filipino nailed to cross as hundreds watch

SAN FERNANDO, Philippines, April 13 (AP)—A Filipino vendor was nailed to a wooden cross in the middle of a rice field here today, in a bloody, carnival-like re-enactment of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ 2,000 years ago. Hundreds of foreign spectators, mostly American servicemen from the U.S. Clark Air Base, jostled for vantage points. A man dressed as a Roman centurion drove a pair of five centimetre-long steel nails through the palms of Mario Bagas, Camarines, and whirled and two press photographers almost came to bagas, now firmly secured to the cross by ropes tied around wrists in addition to the nails, was hoisted up 3 metres for about three or four minutes. Bagas was lowered to the ground and the nails were extracted. His face contorted with pain, he shouted, "alcohol, alcohol. Where's the alcohol?" An hour later, Bagas led a three-kilometre procession from the St. Catholic church in this town, 60 kilometres north Manila, in blistering sun and over dusty roads and trails thick with spectators.

U.N. conference calls for ban on booby traps

GENEVA, April 13 (AP)—A United Nations conference recommended an international ban on booby traps and bombs as weapons against civilians. Two texts calling for a ban on the use of land-mines, booby traps, napalm bombs and other devices were recommended by the preparatory committee on the prohibition and restriction of certain conventional weapons, which concluded its second and last session with representatives of 68 nations participating. The texts will serve as basis for final agreement on a treaty by a U.N. world conference scheduled for September. Measures recommended in the texts would apply to all devices "designed to kill, injure or maim" that are "activated by remote control or automatically." The report of the three-week session stated: Such weapons are basic weapon of several terrorist movements. The proposed treaty calls for a total prohibition on the use of these weapons against civilians.

Canton fair boosts China's foreign trade

PEKING, April 13 (R)—China is expected to push its foreign trade products in a bid to boost much-needed foreign exchange earnings when the 45th Canton Trade Fair opens on Sunday. semi-annual, month-long fair is a major showcase for Chinese exports and is still an important business forum despite the huge increase in direct links between foreign companies and Chinese agencies. The New China News Agency said some 20,000 commodities will be on view, and Peking sources said light industrial products such as machine tools, sewing machines and electrical equipment including televisions and cassette recorders were expected to feature prominently. "China has been putting a lot of effort into making these items recently," one source said. The other trade items, agricultural products, chemicals, textiles and metals, also expected to be available. Foreign observers will be watching the fair very closely for clues on whether China decided to slow down the growth of its business contacts with the West. Around 20,000 businessmen visited the last Canton fair in October and November last year. Total trade at that fair was estimated at close to \$2 billion, with sales by China accounting for 65 per cent of the figure.

U.S. nuclear agency 'completely in dark' during reactor crisis

WASHINGTON, April 13 (R)—Transcripts of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's meetings during the Three Mile Island nuclear reactor crisis showed that the commission did not know how to deal with the problem, the Washington Post said today.

It said the transcripts quoted commission chairman Joseph Hendrie as saying: "We are operating completely in the dark."

The commission, according to the transcripts, tried to make sure that only reassuring information would reach the public about the country's worst nuclear power accident which took place near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Publication of The Times may be delayed as unit talks break down again

LONDON, April 13 (R)—Britain's oldest and best-known newspaper, The Times, said it feared it would not reach its readers next Tuesday because talks on new technology had broken down with the main printers' union.

A management spokesman told Reuters yesterday, "there is a miracle. The Times will not reappear on April 17." Talks with the main printers' union—the National General Association (NGA)—ended without result when they rejected any of the company's proposals, he said.

The management offered to submit its case to the government mediation service in an attempt to end the dispute which had been dragging on since January 1978. The Times, the Sunday Times and sister publication the Observer, are due to meet again on November 30. But the NGA had not yet replied to this latest spokesman said.

The management has already warned that if the strike continues, it will affect all staff dismissed because of the closure would not be paid.

Talks have been going on since early last month, following mediation by the Labour government's Employment Minister, in an attempt to reach agreement with the unions on computerised typesetting technology, outlawing of night shift overmanning.

The management spokesman said the NGA was insisting what he called "an ineffectual and impractical monopoly" of typesetting system.

"We are not prepared to accept that," the spokesman added.

The Times management was ready to negotiate further Easter weekend if there was no breakthrough, he said.

Self, in life